

FIRE ALARM ASSOCIATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES



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⌘ David L. Shaner

- ☒ Employed by Keller's, Inc., located in Wilmington, NC
- ☒ Secretary/Treasurer of the AFAA
- ☒ NICET certified
- ☒ Over 30 years experience in the Fire Protection Industry

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⌘ NICET

☒ **National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies**

- ☒ Proven 3rd party certification organization
- ☒ Located in Alexandria, Virginia
- ☒ Established in 1951
- ☒ Provides certification for technical knowledge and experience
- ☒ Certifications available - total certified is pushing 100,000
 - ☒ Fire Alarm Systems - 7600 certifications
 - ☒ Special Hazards Suppression Systems - 260 certifications
 - ☒ Automatic Sprinklers - 3400 certifications

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⌘ NICET continued

- ☒ Certification is provided at 4 Levels
 - ☒ Level 1 - 6 months
 - ☒ Level 2 - minimum of 2 years
 - ☒ Level 3 - 5 years - Engineering Technician
 - ☒ Level 4 - 10 years - Senior Engineering Technician

- ☒ Continuing Education Units are required to renew certification
 - ☒ Every 3 years

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⌘ AFAA

☒ **Automatic Fire Alarm Association**

- ☒ Only group representing automatic fire alarm and detection systems
- ☒ Located in Lake Mary, Florida
- ☒ Established in 1953
- ☒ Over 1500 members
- ☒ AFAA is committed to:
 - ☒ **Influencing** codes and standards
 - ☒ **Educating** individuals on application, installation and maintenance
 - ☒ **Supporting** and developing research for life safety
 - ☒ **Promoting** the role of our industry to meet public need
 - ☒ **Providing** a communication network for all phases of our industry

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⌘ AFAA continued

- ☒ Educational Seminars are conducted nationwide
 - ☒ Fundamentals of Automatic Fire Detection & Alarm Systems
 - ☒ Intermediate Seminar
 - ☒ Advanced Fire Alarm Seminar
 - ☒ Fire Alarm System Testing & Inspection
 - ☒ Plan Review
- ☒ Benefits of being a member
 - ☒ Training and education
 - ☒ Newsletters
 - ☒ AFAA Web Page and Listserver
 - ☒ Liaison with other Associations

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⌘ NFSA

- ☒ **National Fire Sprinkler Association, Inc.**
- ☒ To create a market for widespread acceptance of competently installed automatic fire sprinkler systems in both new and existing construction, from homes to high-rise.
- ☒ Located in Patterson, New York
- ☒ Established in 1905
- ☒ Have 11 Regions, each with its own manager - full time employees
- ☒ Negotiate labor contracts with sprinkler fitters locals
- ☒ Pushing 3000 members
- ☒ Provide a variety of training options

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⌘ NFSA continued

- ☒ Training options available
 - ☒ FYI (for your information) pamphlets
 - ☒ Promotional materials (bumper stickers)
 - ☒ NFSA forms - used mainly for test and inspection
 - ☒ Publications - study guides (example: for NICET)
 - ☒ Videos - also have in 3/4" videotape
 - ☒ On line seminars with CD-ROM
 - ☒ Slides and CD Programs
 - ☒ In-Class Seminars

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⌘ AFSA

☒ **American Fire Sprinkler Association**

- ☒ It represents the open shop fire sprinkler contractors, dedicated to the educational advancement of its members and promotion of the use of automatic fire sprinkler systems
- ☒ Located in Dallas, Texas
- ☒ Established in in 1981
- ☒ Presently have 24 Chapters or State Associations
- ☒ Provide a variety of training options
- ☒ Over 500 members

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⌘ AFSA continued

- ☒ Training options available
 - ☒ Wheels of Learning series of correspondence courses
 - ☒ Schools for sprinkler planning and advanced planning
 - ☒ Seminars on hydraulic calculations, standpipes & inspection
 - ☒ Publish a monthly magazine called Sprinkler Age
 - ☒ Publish a monthly newsletter called Contractor Network
 - ☒ Publish a monthly technical publication called Tech Talk
 - ☒ Hold a convention and exhibition every year

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⌘ FSSA

☒ **Fire Suppression Systems Association**

- ☒ They want to be the recognized authority on the proper application, design, installation and maintenance of fire suppression systems
- ☒ Located in Baltimore, Maryland
- ☒ Established in 1983
- ☒ Actively participate in the generation and enactment of laws, codes and standards related to Special Hazards Systems
- ☒ They want to strengthen the fire suppression system's position in the overall fire protection industry
- ☒ Approximately 125 members in the United States
- ☒ Provide a variety of training options

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⌘ FSSA continued

- ☒ Training options available
 - ☒ Publish a monthly technical bulletin
 - ☒ Publish their own Safety Manual
 - ☒ Publish a bimonthly “For Your Information” newsletter
 - ☒ Videos
 - ☒ Training Validation Program
 - ☒ Conduct an annual technician training program

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⌘ NAFED

- ⌘ **National Association of Fire Equipment Distributors**
- ⌘ They want to improve the professional, technical, and business competence within the fire equipment distribution industry
- ⌘ Located in Chicago, Illinois
- ⌘ Established in 1963
- ⌘ Have 3 National Directors and 9 Regional Directors
- ⌘ Have over 1000 member companies
- ⌘ Dedicated to raising the standards of the Fire Equipment Industry
 - ⌘ Cooperative efforts with distributors and manufacturers
 - ⌘ Very involved in education, legislation and professional service
 - ⌘ Several training options available

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⌘ NAFED continued

- ☒ Training options available
 - ☒ Members only web site - ask questions/exchange ideas
 - ☒ Regional meetings throughout the country - 3 or more locally
 - ☒ Conduct a variety of seminars
 - ☒ Publish a Service and Recharge Manual
 - ☒ Group purchasing program
 - ☒ Variety of publications
 - ☒ Training videos
 - ☒ Provide technical assistance to their members

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⌘ SFPE

☒ **Society of Fire Protection Engineers**

- ☒ Represent those that practice in the field of Fire Protection Engineering
- ☒ Located in Washington, DC
- ☒ Established in 1950
- ☒ Have 51 Regional Chapters - 10 outside the United States
- ☒ Their purpose is to advance the science and practice of fire protection engineering and its allied fields, to maintain a high ethical standard among its members and to foster fire protection engineering education
- ☒ Membership is around 3500 individuals
- ☒ Variety of training options available

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⌘ SFPE continued

☒ Training available

- ☒ Seminars and short courses - State Chapters are good at this
- ☒ Books and publications
- ☒ Publish a bimonthly newsletter
- ☒ Publish a peer reviewed quarterly Journal
- ☒ Publish a quarterly technical magazine - Fire Protection Engineer

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